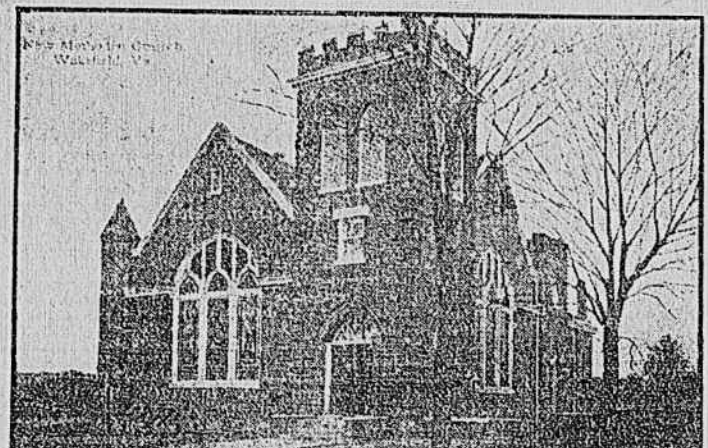


NEW METHODIST CHURCH AT WAKEFIELD DEDICATED



[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Wakefield, Va., May 8.—The new Wakefield Methodist church was dedicated yesterday in the presence of a congregation of about 600 people. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. H. E. Johnson, D. D., of Franklin.

Special music was furnished by the choir of the Wakefield churches, assisted by musicians from Ivor and Dendron. A sumptuous free dinner was served, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Dr. Johnson also preached a very able sermon at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and left immediately for Richmond.

The church building is a magnificent brick structure, which has just been completed at a cost of something over \$12,000, and is an ornament to the town, and a credit to the membership of the church, and its pastor, Rev. W. F. Foushee.

years, a well known citizen and farmer of Chesterfield, died at his home in that county on Saturday, and his funeral took place Sunday afternoon from Woods Church. The deceased was widely known in Petersburg. He is survived by his mother, two sisters and a brother.

Miscellaneous News.
The delegates from A. P. Hill Camp, Confederate Veterans, to the reunion at Little Rock, Ark., will leave Saturday night. Only a few veterans will be able to go.

The Moss Hardware Company, of Waverly, is to be incorporated with J. E. Moss as president; E. W. Chappell, vice-president, and W. T. Daniel, secretary.

Misses Lacy and Shields, graduate nurses of the Petersburg Hospital, will soon leave for Jacksonville, Fla., to engage in hospital work there.

George Robert Thompson and Miss Katie Cole, both of this city, eloped to Halifax, N. C., this morning, where they were married.

In a difficulty Sunday morning on Gill Street, John Tyler cut and painfully injured George White, inflicting a gash three inches long behind the left ear. Tyler is under arrest.

Maurice Murphy, a well known barber, son of Mrs. Eliza Murphy, died last night, in the Petersburg Hospital. He was thirty-five years old.

The post-office receipts for April were \$6,000.51, a slight increase over the corresponding month of last year.

Mrs. Minnie Shapero was fined \$10 in the Police Court this morning for selling cigarettes to an eight-year-old boy. The boy represented that he was buying the cigarettes for his father.

Treasurer Ramsey has sent to the State Auditor the taxes received in this city for State liquor licenses up to May 1.

TRIANGULAR RACE FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES

W. D. Peyton Announces Candidacy in Stafford—Program of Events at Fredericksburg College.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fredericksburg, Va., May 8.—Whitfield D. Peyton, a prominent citizen of Stafford county, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the House of Delegates from the district composed of Stafford and King George counties. There are two other candidates for this nomination—H. Thacker Berry and George Ogle Taylor, of King George county. All three will make a vigorous canvass. The nomination will be decided by a primary election.

George W. Herring, of Widewater, a well-known merchant and Democrat of Stafford county, has announced his candidacy for clerk of the Circuit Court of Stafford county, in opposition to C. A. Bryan, who has filled that position for about twenty-five years.

Mr. Bryan is a Republican, and it is expected will be a candidate for reelection. Both men are popular.

Professor D. W. McQueen, of the faculty of Fredericksburg College, professor of English and history, has been elected president of Warren Academy, at Warren, Ark. He will deliver the commencement address at Warren Academy the latter part of this month, and will shortly after assume the duties of the position. Professor and Mrs. McQueen have many friends here who regret that they will leave Fredericksburg.

The commencement exercises of Fredericksburg College will begin Thursday, May 25, and continue for several days, the program being as follows: Thursday, May 25, orchestra concert; Friday, May 26, music graduates' recital; Saturday, May 27, final celebration of society; Sunday, May 28, baccalaureate sermon by Rev. James Y. Fair, D. D., of Richmond; Monday, May 29, music pupils' recital; Tuesday, May 30, address before the literary societies by Congressman W. A. Jones; Wednesday, May 31, awarding of diplomas and scholarships.

On Monday afternoon, May 29, the annual baseball game between the faculty of Fredericksburg College and the scholars of the institution will take place at Hanover Park here.

Mrs. J. Edward Timberlake, of this city, was elected associate conductress of the Grand Chapter, Eastern Star, at the annual session at Roanoke May 5.

FIRE LOSS OF \$5,000 CAUSED BY CIGARETTE

Burn and Other Buildings Belonging to R. L. Omph Destroyed—Woman Dies Suddenly.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Winchester, Va., May 8.—Fire, which is thought to have been started by a cigarette, destroyed a large, new barn and several outbuildings and all of their contents, including 1,000 bushels of wheat, agricultural implements and one horse, on the farm of Richard L. Omph, in Frederick county, Sunday evening, causing a loss of \$5,000, with \$1,000 insurance. Neighbors formed a bucket brigade and saved Omph's house after a desperate fight.

While waiting on the table at a large family dinner, near Wadesville, Sunday, Mrs. Mary E. Patterson, fifty-five years old, wife of Edward C. Patterson, was seized with heart disease and expired before medical assistance could be summoned. She was married twice, and leaves four daughters and one son.

Robert M. Henry, a prominent Winchester horseman, who was driving with his wife and Otis Hollar, near town, was thrown violently from the buggy when the horses tumbled in a

gully, and his shoulder was severely injured. Hollar was dragged several hundred yards and terribly bruised. Mr. Henry was rushed to the Memorial Hospital for treatment. Mrs. Henry escaped injury.

Fishel—Fauver.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Winchester, Va., May 8.—John E. Fishel and Miss Katharine E. Fauver, members of well-known Fredericksburg families, were married at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Sarah C. Fauver, near Winchester, by Elder R. D. Hottle, of New Market.

Change of Schedule, Improved Service on Norfolk and Western Railway.
Effective Sunday, May 14th, a new train will leave Richmond daily at 10 A. M., making close connection at Petersburg with westbound fast train No. 3, over the Norfolk and Western Railway, and will carry Pullman tourist parlor car, which will run through daily, without change, between Richmond and Bristol at 6:05 P. M. daily. Passengers for Lynchburg and the west will thereafter leave Richmond on the 10 A. M. train, instead of on the Richmond-Norfolk Limited (Cannon Ball) at 9 A. M. Train No. 3 will also carry through Pullman sleeper Petersburg to Cincinnati. The "Ocean Shore Limited," fast train leaving Richmond for Norfolk at 3 P. M., will continue to leave Richmond at that hour on week days, but hereafter, and until further notice, will leave at 7 P. M. on Sundays.

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FIVE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Charred Remains Found in a Heap and Buried in One Casket.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Charlottesville, Va., May 8.—Five children, ranging in age from four to ten years, were burned to death at an early hour this morning in a fire which destroyed the home of Sanford Davis, on Mechem's River, one and one-half miles south of Free Union, and about ten miles north of Charlottesville. Mr. and Mrs. Davis escaped with their infant child, Ruby. The dead: Esta, fourteen years; Arthur, nine years; Mary, six years; Theodore, five years; Dorothy, four years.

The dwelling, a two-story frame structure, contained six rooms—four on the first floor and two in the second story. The fire, it is thought, caught in the second story from a defective stove. Mrs. Davis, who occupied a basement room, was awakened shortly after midnight by the cracking of the fire. She aroused her husband, who attempted to rush up the stairway to rescue the children. The flames blocked his way. In his excitement he attempted to extinguish the fire with the little water he had in the house. He had brought about twenty yards from the house before the thought occurred to him that there was one window in an upstairs room and, though faint, he might rescue his children. Rushing to the stable he secured a ladder, but when he clambered up to the window, he found that

the glass had already been melted by the heat. He called to his children to come to him. The only response he got was from his eldest child, Esta, aged fourteen, who cried out: "Papa, I can't get out. I am nearly strangled to death."

Partially overcome by the smoke and intense heat he descended the ladder, and helpless to render aid, stood by the side of his frantic wife and watched the flames consume the dwelling.

Soon after daybreak this morning a number of residents of the neighborhood gathered at the scene of the fire to get out the cremated bodies.

In the northeast corner of the building what was left of the charred remains was found in a heap, with that of the youngest at the bottom. The arms and legs had been burned from all of the bodies, but though the faces were blackened and badly burned each of the children could be identified.

Mr. Davis lost nearly everything he had. He escaped practically in his night clothing, with no shoes on his feet. What little money he had in a bureau drawer was destroyed. Mrs. Davis was trying to extinguish the fire, his wife succeeded in getting out a mattress and a rocking chair—the sole articles of furniture saved from the flames.

The funeral of the victims was held at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the home of John T. I. Wood. What remained of the bodies was placed in one casket. No minister could be obtained and the simple service was conducted in the presence of quite a crowd by P. Riley, a layman, who drove to Charlottesville and back, a distance of twenty miles, to procure a coffin. Several hymns were sung, and the casket lowered to rest in the Wood burying ground.

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the lower Rappahannock region during the summer season. The steamer is to make daily trips during the pea and strawberry season, and as often afterwards as may be necessary.

Another large fishing steamer has been built and launched for one of the Northern Neck fish guano companies. This steamer was built in Norfolk, and is said to be the largest vessel of its kind built there for the last forty years. It is 140 feet long, 23½ feet beam and 11 feet deep. When fully loaded it will draw fourteen feet of water and will carry 200 tons. A large number of people in and around Irvington attended the launching in Norfolk last week.

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